

The Waste Report's "Worldwide Waste" Series
Examining waste in U.S. foreign assistance programs

Part 5: The Inter-American Foundation

This edition highlights:

- \$50,000 to help deported illegal immigrants start businesses back home in El Salvador.
- Over \$1.2 million spent to improve remittance spending strategies.
 - In Mexico, IAF spent \$445,000 to strategize the best way to spend \$290,000 worth of remittances.
- More than \$170,000 to promote guinea pig farming and marketing.
- \$85,000 to distribute bottled gas so small towns in Bolivia would stop burning wood.
- Over \$50,000 for a llama livestock fair.
- Almost \$400,000 to improve production and marketing of Camelids.
- \$332,000 spent to improve the self-esteem, cultural pride, and tourism potential of Bolivian weavers and herders.
- Over \$250,000 spent on marketing for fair-trade honey from Argentina.
- \$300,000 spent on reducing Brazilian dependence on Brazilian welfare.
- Almost \$325,000 spent on circus clowns and circus performers in Argentina.
- \$220,000 to teach a high school in Paraguay to translate community issues into theater.
- Nearly \$500,000 spent on advertising for the sale of carbon offsets in Mexico.
- More than \$500,000 spent trying to start a Haitian film industry.
- \$339,000 spent on job training and a "peace festival" in Ecuador.
- Over \$300,000 to improve the genetic quality of alpacas.
- More than \$200,000 in Costa Rican grants that mostly helped NGOs with their fundraising.
- \$259,000 in support to a museum in El Salvador for archiving and reviving the lost art of basket-weaving.
- Over \$500,000 in support of art training and museum displays in Bolivia.
- \$163,000 for museum displays in Guatemala.
- \$328,000 to support a Haitian dance troupe.
- \$35,000 to improve cultural awareness in Rio de Janeiro.
- More than \$155,000 to promote ecotourism to Costa Rica.
- \$238,000 for projects including expanding a museum and facilitating boat tours.
- \$217,000 for a Mayan radio station in Belize.
- \$1.7 million to support fair-trade coffee cultivation in Nicaragua.
- \$251,000 in support of a public library in Panama.
- \$290,000 to promote local dairy products to upscale restaurants in Peru.